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Students Explore Local Employment Opportunity

Melanie Humphrey
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The signs were not really necessary. One merely had to follow the sounds of conversation to find the LSUS career center's annual Student Employer Exchange Day (SEED) last Thursday.

SEED is held every fall specifically to provide graduating seniors with an opportunity to talk with employers from government and local businesses. All students are encouraged to participate.

This year, representatives from 33 companies were in attendance. Over 180 students participated. Information booths were set up in the University Center Ballroom. Students were able to browse and ask questions from 9 a.m. to noon.

General studies senior, Lonnie

McCray, said, "SEED gives us the opportunity to research the business community in an open fashion that's not readily available to everyone. SEED is very worthwhile."

Agatha Gallion, senior, education, also felt that SEED is worthwhile. "I know a lot of people out there who need jobs. I'm one of them! This is a good chance to see what Shreveport's hot to offer."

In addition to finding more information on the Shreveport job market, students were also able to gain insight into their particular field of study. As a biochemistry major, Paula Raphiel thought that she was pretty much limited to what she could do with her degree. "There's a lot more out there than I thought. SEED not only lets students see what's out there; it also gets them involved so that they can either

correct their path or enhance it."

Regina Prewett, staffing coordinator at Schumpert Medical Center said, "We always make it a priority to support local universities." As a major employer in this area, Schumpert offers positions in many areas from aerobics instructor to radiological technician. In most cases work experience is preferred because of the critical nature of some positions, but occasionally Schumpert will take a graduate student and "Work with them and help them grow," Prewett said.

"We have openings for both science and business majors," said Carla Bange, human resources manager for Zenith Goldline Pharmaceutical. Chemists need not have actual work experience. Zenith Goldline will begin training in the lab for graduates immediately after graduation. "We have

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Photo: Rita Uotila

Paula Raphiel, biochemistry senior, explores employment options at SEED.

Japanese Language Program Awarded Grant

Bill Ross
Almagest

The Japan Foundation has awarded LSUS a grant for teaching materials for the Japanese Language Program. The \$2,500 grant comes after two previous awards totaling \$13,000.

The earlier grants were announced by Consul General Isao Ohtsuka during his visit to Shreveport earlier this year. The latest grant was written by LSUS Japanese Language specialist Miekko Peek. She said, "This donation will enhance our ability to teach Japanese language, literature and culture to students in the Shreveport-Bossier area."

In addition, the Japan Studies Program stands eligible to win a \$270,000 Federal grant. Peek Sense, (as her students call her) has applied to the U.S. Department of Defense for the grant in hopes of offering involvement to faculty and students of Centenary Collage, Southern University in Shreveport, Bossier Parish Community

Collage and local school systems. Her proposal is chosen as one of 50 in the nation (the only one from Louisiana) to compete for ten National Security Education Program Awards.

The project is based on the fact that Japan is our nation's major non-western ally and the major export customer of Louisiana's port system (handling \$2.4 billion annually in exports to Japan). LSUS also offers the only Japanese Study Program between Dallas and Baton Rouge.

Upcoming events include "Japanese Culture Day", hosted by the LSUS Japanese Club. The event is scheduled in November to coincide with the Japanese National Culture day (similar to Thanksgiving). This will be the third such event, and is sure to include fun programs and a variety of Japanese cuisine.

For more information contact Miekko Peek in the LSUS Language Department at 797-5198, or look for upcoming fliers around campus.

CIA Technology Used In Foreign Language Lab

Tricia Webb
Almagest

Students studying foreign languages at LSUS can now practice their skills in our new state-of-the-art computer language laboratory, thanks to a grant awarded to the foreign languages department through Louisiana Enhancement of Quality State Funds, or LEQSF.

"What we've got here now are fifteen 486 computers, and five multi-media stations," said French and Spanish professor Charlotte King. "We have 'Exito', a CIA-based Spanish program, and 'C'est Tres Facile', a CIA-based French multi-media program," said King. King said these programs were actually designed to teach Foreign languages to members of the Central Intelligence Agency. "This is the best stuff that can be had," said King.

The lab also offers helpful programs for students studying German and Japanese and programs on videotape that students can watch from the brand new couches that have recently been added. King said the lab hopes to eventually be

able to offer programs for students in the school's Russian classes. "It will be easier for us to get more funds for more programs and more software now that we have the hardware. That's the basic foundation. Now, the sky's the limit," said King.

The programs appear to be useful to the students who have already taken advantage of it's many uses. George Martinez, a business junior, said he finds the supplementals very helpful. "I come here every Thursday," said Martinez. "I think it's much more helpful than the language audio lab alone. You can actually tell the computer what you want to hear it say," said Martinez.

The Multimedia Lab is located in Bronson Hall, room 242. Hours are from 8:30 to 1:30 AM Mondays and Wednesdays, 8:30 to 10:30 AM and 11:15 to 1:30 PM Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 8:30 to noon on Fridays. The lab's programs are available to any student currently enrolled in a foreign language class at LSUS.

American Identity Series Comes to LSUS

Darren Svan
Almagest

What represents our American Identity? How is this identity influenced by cultural immigration and defining eras? These questions, and many more, will be discussed in a six-part program entitled "The Explorations of American Identity," beginning Tues., Sept. 26. The discussion series will be on Tuesday evenings, from 7 to 9 p.m., in Bronson Hall Room 101, as part of the national Endowment for the Humanities' "National conversation" project funded by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities.

Dr. William Pederson, professor of political science, said, "I hope we will have a better appreciation for what America is all about, including what the Shreveport identity is and how it fits into the American identity."

"we are different from other countries because we are based on political ideals rather than ethnic or racial," Pederson said.

Each session of the six-part program is designed around reading and discussions of classics in fiction (primarily short stories) and non-fiction that deals with aspects of the American identity.

Sessions will begin with a guest faculty member who will present a brief overview of one part of the American identity with a question and answer period. The second half of the program will focus on one or more literary clas-

sics selected to amplify further areas of that evening's topic. Three faculty members will attend most sessions to stimulate dialogue with the audience.

The series began Tuesday with "Creating a National Identity," which will be followed by:

***Oct. 3:** "Racial Dimensions," Kenna Franklin.

Reading: Frederick Douglas, "The meaning of July Fourth" Abraham Lincoln, "The Gettysburg Address."

Question: What dimension does race contribute to the American identity?

***Oct. 10:** "The Frontier as the Great Equalizer and the Role of Religion," Marguerite Plummer.

Reading: Willa Cather, "Eric Hermannson's Soul."

Questions: What role did the frontier play in the American character? Is there an American civil religion?

***Oct. 17:** "The Immigrant Experience: Melting Pot or Salad Bowl," Vincent J. Marsala.

Reading: William J. Bennett, "Immigration: Making Americans" (1994) Tato Laviera, "American."

Questions: Is the "melting pot" a valid notion or a "brutal bargain?" Why do some groups assimilate while others remain cultural separatists?

***Oct. 24:** "Gender and Professional

Facets," Nancy Hutson.

Reading: Ellen Glasgow, "The Professional Instinct."

Question: In what way is the situation of women in the 20th Century similar to that of farmers in the late 19th Century?

***Oct. 31:** "Regional Dimensions," Bill Pederson and Nancy Hutson.

Reading: Alexander Hamilton, "Federalist Paper No. 9" William Pederson, "Shreveport's Identity and Future" William Faulkner, "A Rose for Emily."

Questions: How does the Federalist situation provide more than one identity? Did the Constitution establish a national community of individuals or a community of states?

Dr. Vincent Marsala, interim chancellor, is the guest faculty speaker at the Oct. 17 session entitled "The Immigrant Experience: Melting Pot or Sald Bowl." He teaches Louisiana History and government, as well as Latin American Studies.

"I've been doing research on immigration from Sicily to New Orleans and the North Louisiana area. I am interested in the Italian community in North Louisiana," said Dr. Marsala.

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Rape Awareness Week Passes Unnoticed

Morris Crichlow
Almagest

It happens. A woman learns to trust you. She tells you more than you want to hear, more than you're ready to hear. It hurts to listen to a woman talk about her rape. So, on the larger scale, we shouldn't be too surprised when Rape Awareness Week passes, and no one reminds us of these horrid episodes. After all, how can we celebrate rape?

The immediate answer: a date rape workshop. The Panhellenic Council will offer one, November 7 at the common hour in the University Center Theater. They will, without a doubt, suggest behaviors that will save women from the situations where a rapist could attack them. At the least, women heeding this advice will be able to tell themselves with a surer voice that they did not deserve to be raped. But, if this workshop proceeds in this manner, what are the subtle undertones of their message? Perhaps, they would whisper that women who don't

heed their advice do deserve to be raped.

They would tell a woman that she must deny her sexuality, that she must not trust. They would sacrifice honesty and trust at the altar of fear. They would sacrifice a woman's right to define herself, through her behavior, at the altar of cowardly men whose pathetic need for power drives them to this action.

Certainly, though, those who care must respond to rape in some manner. Conservative philosopher Edmund Burke said that when "bad men combine, the good must associate; else they will fall one by one, an unpitied sacrifice in a contemptible struggle." And though rapists are not always united by social organization, their common, even petty, action unites them. We owe them an uncommon response.

For the truly sympathetic, it's easy to cultivate anger towards these little men. However, if we allow this anger to manifest into spurious violence against anyone accused, would ethical action any longer separate us from the guilty? Vigilantes in

prison would be poor solace indeed for a woman already violated. We owe her more than this—especially, if she wasn't afraid of her sexuality; especially, if she wasn't afraid to trust; and most especially, if she wasn't afraid of herself.

We owe her all the beauty of a woman: a gentle shoulder, caring attention, and a tender look, saying she's more beautiful for the risk she took, for her love of life—for nothing less than her virtue.

Your gentle shoulders and caring attention will be gratefully accepted at the YWCA Sexual Assault Center, 222-2116. They need volunteers to support victims at the hospital and to answer phones for their crisis line.

Program coordinator Eileen Czerwinski stresses the importance of individual or group counseling for rape victims. If you have been raped, please call the Crisis Line, 222-0556, for both support and information about these and other services.

LSUS Political Science Professor Releases Book

Nikki Parker
Almagest

Dr. William D. Pederson, professor of political science at LSUS, has several books which have been recently published. The latest, "Abraham Lincoln: Contemporary and American Legacy," was released Sept. 15.

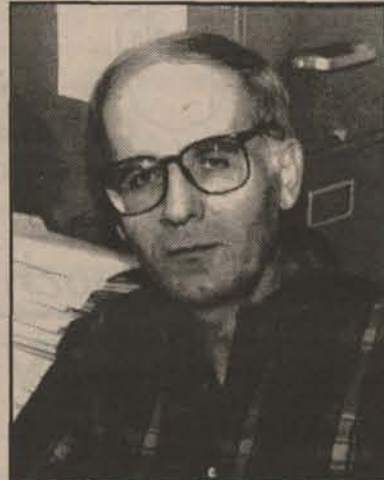
Also on that date, Pederson, along with Dr. Norman W. Provizer, professor of political science at the Metropolitan College of Denver, signed copies of their book "Great Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court" at Books-A-Million in Bossier City.

Pederson found his passion for politics early in his childhood. "As a kid I collected stamps. As a result of that I knew more about current affairs than anyone I knew," said Pederson.

These books, along with "Abraham Lincoln: Sources and Style of Leadership" which was co-authored by Dr. Vincent J. Marsala, interim chancellor of LSUS, and Williams, have a common inspiration. They grew out of the American studies program at LSUS and the conference series that followed.

The "Great Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court" was published in Oct. 1993 and went into a second printing at the end of 1994. This book was inspired by the conference held at LSUS in 1989, in conjunction with the bicentennial of the constitution, on the subject. The book focuses on the 12 great justices of the court as rated by scholars and political scientists. It gives insight into these men and what characteristics they possess.

"Abraham Lincoln: Sources and Style of Leadership" deals mostly with Lincoln's style of leadership and his political life. "Abraham Lincoln: Contemporary and American Legacy"



Dr. William D. Pederson

goes beyond that to tackle issues of contemporary society and the impact Lincoln had on social institutions, such as religion. "This book focuses on the other half of the leadership dimension, the people," said Pederson. These two books grew out of the Deep South Presidential Program and the conference on Lincoln held at LSUS in 1992.

"All three books and the conferences suggest that LSUS is making a name for itself as an intellectual center...that's the true significance of it," said Pederson. "It shows the developing reputation that LSUS is having in Shreveport and nationwide."

Pederson's books have received rave reviews from critics. "Great Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court" has been described as "a useful collection...scholarly and well written..." by *Choice* magazine. Of "Abraham Lincoln: Sources and Style of Leadership," *Civil War History* said, "The volume does a nice job of drawing together this material. It will also be of value to the interested general reader and to students of the American presidency."

Union Gunboat Examined

Darren Svan
Almagest

In recognition of Louisiana Archaeology Week, the Red River Regional Studies Center and the Pioneer Heritage Center will present a free slide show and lecture on the "Discovery of the Civil War Gunboat, Eastport." Dr. Charles Pearson will make the presentation Oct. 3, at 7 p.m., in the Louisiana Room at the LSUS University Center.

Pearson is a professional archaeological consultant who was the lead researcher on the project to discover

the Union iron-clad warship, the Eastport, which sank in the Red River near Montgomery, La.

The gunboat was discovered underneath another wrecked vessel about 30 feet down. Pearson will tell how the archaeologists worked underwater by "feel" rather than sight, in total darkness caused by the heavy silt.

The presentation will last approximately two hours and the public is encouraged to participate in a question and answer session. For more information call Marguerite R. Plummer at (318) 797-5332.

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three LSU grads working for us right now," Bange said.

The Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office also has openings in diverse fields. Pat Sepulvado, a spokesman for the Sheriff's Office, said "The department has many responsibilities." The office has a mental health unit that psychology majors might be qualified for, clerical positions, public information services open to journalism and public

relations majors, a tax collection department as well as a need for correctional deputies.

Students may not realize how marketable their degrees are.

SEED provides students the chance to visit with potential employers and helps open doors so that students can get a better view of what the job market will look like after graduation.

Brashier Scholarship Forthcoming

After three years of collecting money the Chemistry Department will award its first Gary K. Brashier Chemistry Scholarship Friday October 6.

Dr. Brashier, the scholarships namesake, was the first Director of Academic Affairs at LSUS, now provost. He held that position from 1968 to 1983, and was among the first teachers to work at LSUS when it opened in 1967. Brashier was noted among his peers for his commitment to academic excellence and his love of teaching.

The scholarship fund was arranged in 1992 in honor of Brashier after his death.

According to Dr. Frank Collins,

chemistry professor, the scholarship will be awarded to a chemistry major who is selected by a committee from the Department of Chemistry/Physics. The recipient must be a full-time student with a GPA of 3.0 or better. Collins said preference is given to students with financial need and intend to pursue an advanced degree. Since the recipient is nominated and chosen by a committee, no applications are accepted.

The award will be presented by Interim-Chancellor Vince Marsala. The Award ceremony will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Desoto Room of the university Center.

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Scout Would Not Be Pleased With School Board

It is easy to bash a moron who pulls a word out of context and censors a classic in the process. Here we go.

If you have been too busy to watch or read the news lately, you may have missed another great moment in education. A member of the Caddo Parish School Board, acting on his own, had *To Kill a Mockingbird* pulled from the shelves of Huntington High School.

Think about this for a moment.

Just when you think ignorance of this sort has been stamped out, another example comes along.

If you have not read *To Kill a Mockingbird*, then do so. This is not a book review, but to understand the controversy it helps to be acquainted with the book in question.

It details a racially-charged, depression-era murder trial in the South. This book is full of examples of courage, integrity, and honesty. There is some evidence presented that people of different races can coexist.

Lawyers have taken a lot of heat in recent years, but some of the more decent ones were inspired by Atticus Finch.

Caddo Parish needs none of this. Peace, harmony, and understanding abound in Shreveport.

No official reason has been given for pulling the book, but if a guess had to be made, the N-word would have to be included. The Fuhrman word. The Huckleberry Finn word.

The same people who see Huck Finn as Satan are applauding this latest bit of silliness, and I may be overreacting because this is one of my favorite books.

A word is just a tool used to get an idea across, and only a shallow person would fail to see the idea presented in *To Kill a Mockingbird*. At that time in history, the N-word was much more common. No more polite, but more common. Perhaps we should re-write a Pulitzer prize winning book to include revisions in history and language. Revisionism can be a good thing, just look at how hard it is to extract an apology from the Japanese for World War II.

Some truly awful things happened in this part of the world. Saying that these things didn't happen does not make them go away. Truly awful things still happen and will continue to happen just about everywhere unless and until we learn from the past.

The use of politically-correct language has gotten a deservedly bad rap lately. This stunted form of thought-control fools no one. When you say "vertically-challenged," people know you are referring to a dwarf. When you say "I pulled *To Kill a Mockingbird*," they know you meant to say "I am a pinhead."

Confound the pinheads, read *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

Drew White
Editor

Charming! by Flynn Dulle



Landrieu Vows Reform

Chris Kirkley

Governor Edwin Edwards is finally vacating his office for good and a pack of hungry candidates are fighting for his seat at the table. With only a few weeks until the general election, what has been an unusually boring race by Louisiana standards is beginning to merit interest. Ranked second in the polls behind former Governor Buddy Roemer (Rep.) of Bossier Parish, is current State Treasurer Mary Landrieu (Dem.) of New Orleans (and Baton Rouge and Monroe).

Landrieu, like Roemer, is from a political family. Her father, Judge Moon Landrieu, was Mayor of New Orleans and Secretary of H.U.D. in the Carter administration. She won an Uptown New Orleans seat in the Louisiana House of Representatives at the tender age of 23. She was a populist in the legislature; a loyal supporter of Gov. Edwards as he helped the disadvantaged and raised taxes. Landrieu ran for State Treasurer in 1987, and won 44 percent of the general election vote. This was such a strong showing that the man who was to be her runoff opponent bowed out of the race. At 31 Mary Landrieu was Louisiana's State Treasurer.

So what does the State Treasurer do? Landrieu heads the state Treasury Department, and is "responsible for the custody, investment, and disbursement of the public funds". One of the chief duties of her office is to chair the Louisiana Bond Commission. There she has tightened regulations concerning state bond issues to narrow the opportunities for corruption. From her position on the Bond Commission, Landrieu has launched attacks on Edwards and state union leader Victor Bussie. In particular her confrontation with Edwards' over irregular bond payments to a friend of his won her praise from many reform-minded Louisianians.

Others, however charge that Landrieu is just one more slick political operator who fails to practice what she preaches. A recent article in *Forbe's* magazine called her a "good ole' girl" who awards the management of state bond issues to her friends and contributors. In the process by which Bond Commission contracts are awarded, Chairman Landrieu has only 1 of 14 votes. She can, however, influence a proposed

bond issue at many levels. The Commission staff is hired by Landrieu, she chairs it's most important sub-committee, and she directs the full Commission meetings as Chairman. Big contracts have been awarded to firms who have made big contributions to Landrieu's war-chest.

Landrieu is currently the front-runner among the Democratic candidates. She has raised over \$2 Million for the race. With that money she has signed some hired-guns, one of whom cost her some embarrassment when a Landrieu pamphlet was found to have nearly identical passages to one issued in a Maryland campaign. Landrieu is running on a broad reform platform that rightly targets Education and government waste as Louisiana's biggest problems. The specific proposals in her program are worthy, but too many are vague. How will she pay for increases in teacher pay and more cops on the beat? Consider:

(1) The black vote, Louisiana's most loyal Democratic bloc will be split between Landrieu, Lt. Gov. Melinda Schwegmann, and Con. Cleo Fields (the only black candidate).

(2) Landrieu will divide her base support in New Orleans and among women with Schwegmann.

(3) Many Louisiana voters will not vote for either Landrieu or Schwegmann because they are pro-choice.

By picking up black support in areas outside his serpentine district, especially in New Orleans, Fields could edge Landrieu out of the run-off. Mary Landrieu will need to answer all questions about her integrity and agenda.

Mary Landrieu is a professional politician. She has served in state government for the last 16 of her 39 years, more than enough to be fairly thought of as part of the problem. Louisiana voters do not want anyone from "inside the system". We know our system, it stinks, and we don't trust anyone involved with it. Landrieu has a reputation in Baton Rouge as a woman who rarely compromises and this is a plus. Her fiscal reforms and progressive platform suggest maybe. To survive past October Mary Landrieu needs to convince Louisiana voters that she is the real-deal and not just another dealer.

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Alternatives to the Proficiency Exam

David Raiford
Almagest

Discussion over the proficiency exam may finally be going somewhere. According to Dr. Nancy Wilhelmi, the Admissions and Academic Standards Committee of the Faculty Senate is meeting Tuesday, September 26, to discuss the Academic Profiles Test. So, by the time you read this, new developments will have occurred.

The proficiency exam was discussed at length during the Faculty Senate's meeting September 18, with a motion and a second being made to end the proficiency exam altogether. That motion was tabled, and it was decided that Admissions and Standards should meet to discuss the possible fate of the exam.

The problem with ending the test is that the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) requires schools it certifies to have some method of testing and measuring students' general educa-

tion levels. Until a new method is found, the test will remain the same.

As you may know, the proficiency exam is LSUS' way of responding to the Board of Regents request that each college and university test their students for knowledge in areas such as English and Math. The test was chosen by a vote of the faculty.

The concept of the test isn't a bad idea in itself. The problem is how the test is given, and the fact that it isn't necessary. The exam is meant to be a test for a student entering his junior year to insure that he has the skills to succeed at higher levels. The benefit is that if a student doesn't have these skills, it will become evident, and he can address whatever academic problems he may have, making him a better student. The test is also designed to give the school information it can use in evaluating its academic program. This isn't the way LSUS uses it.

The test is set-up at LSUS as an exit exam, with See proficiency on P.6

Letter to the Editor

Thank you for your article on the Student Government Association's upcoming survey.

I would like to take a moment, though, to point out that the survey will not be limited to just those students attending participating professors' classes. Any student may participate by picking up a copy of the survey at the SGA office located upstairs in the University center.

The survey will be available Thursday, September 28.

I would also like to thank David Raiford, Almagest Assistant Editor, for his outstanding efforts in helping the SGA open the lines of communication with the student body.

Cynthia Godbey
College of Business SGA Senator
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Militias and Anarchists: Why all of the Confusion?

Last spring, along with the rest of the country, I was alerted of the bombing of Oklahoma City. I was puzzled that virtually every news report was attributing the bombing to a Middle Eastern fac-

tion of some sort. I considered this assumption ludicrous considering the lack of evidence supporting such thought and (more importantly) considering that such groups have, historically, claimed responsibility for their actions as a matter of pride. I therefore completely rejected this anti-Middle Eastern propaganda and voiced my opinion, one that evoked sharp (though mostly thoughtless) retaliations from some of my more racist, patriotic classmates.

In the following days, it became obvious that the now infamous "militia" groups were likely responsible, and that the "sand niggers" (as I heard many call Middle-easterners repeatedly during that week) were not. But it is not with this simple racism (which I heard from both conservatives and self-exalted liberals) that I am concerned—its powers are limited and insufficient when faced with reasoned argument. I am more concerned with the subsequent and wide-spread assertions that these groups and their members are anarchists. This belief—one that ignores all historical perspective—is held by the vast majority, and



Kurt Pickett

through my conversations with the adherents of this flawed belief, I have grown progressively disgusted that the turn-of-the-century intellectual anarchists are being compared to these greedy idiots.

It is my intention to properly characterize this discussion. Accordingly, I will illuminate the flaws in this discussion by examining its two-fold character—namely, the nature of anarchism and the nature of these militia groups.

Alexander Berkman said of anarchism, "It is *not* bombs, disorder, or chaos. It is *not* robbery and murder. It is *not* a war of each against all. It is *not* a return to barbarism or to the wild state of man. *Anarchism is the very opposite of all that.*" Like Marxists, anarchists believe that the one ultimate evil in society is *capital*—the existence of capital, its accumulation, and the subjugatory power that its accumulation creates and perpetuates. From this base, however, the philosophies diverge. While communists believe that capital is a result of a *certain variety* of government, anarchists contend that all government results in capital—that the only purpose of government is the creation of class distinction through capital. While communists strive for revolutionary change in the construction of the State, anarchists seek its complete destruction. However, both groups, though their methods may differ, seek

the same end—a society free of class distinction.

Considering this, it is difficult to understand why these militia groups, merely because they have castigated the American government, have been categorized with anarchists. These militias hardly want the destruction of government, (least of all the American government) and they certainly do not want the destruction of capital. Do they not say that they want the government to end its encroachment on their private property? Do they not demand the privilege to bear and stock-pile weapons? Do not both of these privileges presuppose the wielding of capital, and are they not both existent in America only due to the government's explicit provision therefor? Do they favor revolution to achieve their ends, or do they desire that the government regulate itself?—a request which, again, presupposes the self-given power of government and, in actuality, asks government to increase.

These groups may claim to be anti-government, and they may believe themselves anti-government, but in actuality are the staunchest supporters of the American capitalist system in the country. They demand their private land in the mountains, their right to separatism, their right to assemble and discuss their grievances, and their right to stock-pile weapons. None of this would exist in the absence of government. Their very name, militia, is a reference to the Constitution, the

governing document that allows for their existence. Without the State and the wage-system, these militia members would not have the financial accumulation they need to buy private land or guns. While these mostly white, upper middle-class men exist in the neverland of financial privilege that the American government provides for them at the expense of the masses, they search for complaints. Only through their ignorance of the circumstances that have dictated their existence do they lash out, like a dog, against the hand that feeds them.

Emma Goldman's autobiography is entitled *Living My Life*, and that is exactly what she and all her anarchist contemporaries were fighting to do. Living in a world where every child in the house-hold had to work eighteen hour days, making ten cents and hour, in order to have enough money to eat, these intellectuals embarked on a movement that, as I have stated many times before, ultimately resulted in the establishment of public health, public education for children, voting rights for all, and child-labor laws. Our country, and the world, was forever changed by the desperate and sometimes extreme efforts of these thinkers. While they fought to live, these militia fools fight simply to fight, all the while experiencing a quality of life that exceeds ninety-nine percent of the world's people's.

How can these groups be confused?

Proficiency Exam. from P.5

many students waiting until their last semesters to take it. Recently, LSUS decided that students cannot take 400-level courses until they have taken the exam. However, that's still an exit exam. By the time they take the test, students have already progressed through 300-level courses, where a general understanding of lower-level courses is needed. The point is to make sure students have the skills when they need them, not after the fact.

Furthermore, LSUS doesn't use the

test scores. According to faculty members I've interviewed, because most students taking the test pass it, no evaluation process has ever been put into place.

So why have the test? Because it benefits the University. It provides the school with good statistics that are handy in recruiting faculty and students and impressing the community, but it doesn't do much for the student who takes the test. The test scores show that the LSUS faculty is doing what they're supposed to be doing, educating, but there are better ways to demonstrate this without putting

undue burden on the students.

Listed below are possible alternatives to the current test, submitted to the Almagest by Dr. Wilhelmi. These are the alternatives to be discussed at the Admissions and Standards Committee meeting.

Whatever decisions are made by the faculty concerning the proficiency test, the opinions of the students should be heard. If you agree or disagree with one of the alternatives listed below or if you just want to vent your anger at the system (or the Almagest). Write it down and

turn it in to the Almagest, BH 344.

Possible Alternatives

Alternative 1

- A. Test as we presently administer it
- B. Other tests
- C. creating and grading a test of our own

Problems with the current test.

1. Saturday test
2. Length of test--4 hours.
3. Cost of test--\$15
4. Administrative time and cost
5. Failure and remediation
6. Transfers
7. The test should not be an exit exam. Should be taken before students last 30 hours.

Solutions:

1. If we keep same test, provide detailed information in Catalog.
2. Block students from taking (300?) 400 level courses until proficiency is established.
3. Telephone registration should include test registration. Payment due with tuition. Reexamine fee.
- 4a. Offer test on Friday or Saturday after registration.
- or
- 4b. In the Fall give test on Saturday... Spring, on weekday or night. Make the rotation consistent, and publish in the Catalog.

Alternative 2

Students who make a C or better in English 115 and Math 121 automatically establish proficiency.

Advantages:

1. Bookkeeping becomes really easy.

Disadvantages:

2. Insuring quality of transfer students

Alternative 3

Course work plus test.

LSUS Students: To establish proficiency, give departmentals in English 115 and Math 115. If student makes a C or better on the exam, proficiency is established. If not, retake course.

Transfers: Would be expected to take and pass the same test as LSUS students. If not, retake course

Advantages:

1. Remediation built into system.
2. Handling of transfers built into system
3. Minimal cost.
4. Since part of the proficiency test is to evaluate courses, department has close tabs on pass and fail percentages.
5. LSUS has more control over who it graduates.

Disadvantages:

1. Assessing proficiency becomes responsibility of English and Math Dept.
2. Realistically, what happens to a student with A average fails departmental.

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Flag Football Season Begins

Brian Allen
Almagest

The long-awaited flag football season got underway this week, with 15 men's teams and two women's teams looking to snare the coveted intramural championship T-shirts.

This season the intramural sports department has implemented a new forfeit policy. Each team must pay a \$20 deposit before the season. Teams are fined \$10 for the first forfeit, and the entire deposit is lost the second time. The amount is refunded if no games are forfeited. So with that extra incentive to show up having been added, the first game of the 1995 season was: a forfeit.

Only three of the Big Uglies showed up to face Tau Kappa Epsilon, who took the opportunity to practice against members of the New Family. The Traveling Dingleberries and Nads also won by virtue of forfeit. The only on-field action was a 7-0 victory by Phi Delta Theta over the Booze Travelers in a defensive struggle.

Tuesday, there was only one forfeit and a slew of games. The Nads did their Phi Delt impression by posting a 7-0 over the Traveling Dingleberries. The defending champions, New Family rolled into action and rolled over the Big Uglies, 26-0.

Pause to examine the Big Uglies reasoning here. Their Monday opponent, TKE, is still trying to earn

respectability. New Family is on the verge of becoming a dynasty. Which game would you skip? Kappa Sigma got past the Cremasters 12-6, and were spared having to play two straight games when the Greyhounds missed their bus to the field and forfeited.

But the Greyhounds made it to the field on Wednesday to play... New Family. (Don't look to this reporter for an explanation.) Maybe some of the teams in our league have developed a perverse attraction to being slaughtered. If this is the case, the Greyhounds were in heaven as New Family posted a 72-0 victory. In case anyone's counting, that's New Family 98, their opponents nothing so far. Their performance led defender Long Nguyen to make one of his trademark bold predictions: "We will repeat, and you can put that in the paper."

Diversity is the only team considered to have a chance of stopping Nguyen from becoming a prophet for the second consecutive season. They posted a 24-0 over TKE to send a message to the champs. The Booze Travelers edged the Nads 15-14 in the nail-biter of the week. Smegma snapped the string of close games at one 20-0 shutout of the A-Team. Thursday's games were cancelled as the clouds that had hovered all week finally released a torrential downpour. Among the games rained out was the first clash between bitter rivals Phi Mu and Zeta Tau Alpha sororities.

National Weightlifters to compete at LSUS Meet

Shelly Cole
Almagest

The National Collegiate Weightlifting Championships to be held at LSUS October 7 and 8 will bring big name competition. Cassie Clark and Angie Fredrickson, who both placed in the 1995 Junior World Championships, are registered to compete.

Cassie Clark was the overall silver medalist in her weight division (118 lbs) at the Junior World Championships with a total of 313.5 lbs for both lifts. Clark lifted 170.5 lbs in the clean and jerk and stole the gold medal in the snatch with a 143 lb. lift.

Clark has been nationally recognized not only because of her remarkable achievements in the weightlifting arena but because she is only 17-years-old and a senior in high school. She qualifies to compete on the collegiate level because she attends Armstrong State College in Savannah, Georgia half-time.

Clark has appeared on the "Today" program, "Prime Time", "Current Affair" and "Good Morning America". She was also the subject of a *Sports Illustrated* article after qualifying for the Junior Men's National Squad in March 1994. *SI* reported that Clark was "The first female ever to qualify for the Junior Men's team." *SI* also said if Clark

had competed as a male in the 1994 National Junior Weightlifting Championships, "she would have finished third."

Angie Fredrickson, a freshman at Missouri Western State College, is also registered to compete in the Collegiate Championships at LSUS. Fredrickson placed third overall in her weight division (175 lbs) at the Junior World Championships. Her lifts totalled 352 lbs. She lifted 159.5 lbs in the snatch and 192.5 in the clean and jerk.

LSUS students Jennifer Pierce and Angela Jones will compete alongside Fredrickson and Clark October 7 and 8.

Pierce lifts a total of 198 lbs for the snatch and the clean and jerk. Jones' total, 236.5 lbs, qualified her for this competition as well as the National Men and Women's Championships in March.

Pierce, Jones, Clark and Fredrickson will all be competing in different weight divisions. LSUS weightlifting coach Kyle Pierce said both LSUS students have a good chance of placing in this competition.

The National Collegiate Weightlifting Championships will be held in the LSUS theater (University Center) October 7 and 8. The competition will begin at 11:00 am on both days. Admission is two dollars for the general public, students with IDs get in free.

LSU Tiger Football off to a Fast Start

David Eleuterius
Almagest

LSU fans have had little to cheer about in the last few years. Fans have watched the program slide into a quagmire of mediocrity, with only the occasional flash of brilliance to dispell the darkness of losing seasons. First it was the Curley Hallman era, and he was the man to lead LSU out of the jungle and to the promised land. Hallman posted a 4-7 record last year and was shown the way out of Baton Rouge.

Gerry DiNardo was then named as his replacement. DiNardo had achieved an identical 4-7 record at Vanderbilt. Causing many Tiger fans to shake their heads, and wonder if that was such a good move.

They aren't second-guessing that decision now.

LSU is now 3-1, off to one of

their best starts in years. With big victories over Auburn and Rice, they have jumped to 14th in the AP sportswriters' poll. This is the first time LSU has had a ranking in the poll since September 10, 1989.

One big reason is the emergence of a running game. Freshman Kevin Faulk, who was rated by the prestigious *SuperPrep* magazine as the top-ranked recruit in the country, has not disappointed. Through the Auburn game, Faulk was the fifth-ranked rusher in the Southeastern Conference, with averages of 6.6 yards per carry and 122 yards per game. Kendall Cleveland has also proven to be adept, a big bruising back that provides an extra dimension to the Tiger backfield. Cleveland rushed 13 times for 53 yards against a stodgy Auburn defense, and scored three touchdowns against Rice. Because LSU can run the ball well, defenses can no

longer play LSU solely for the pass.

The LSU receiving corps has definitely benefited from the revitalized rushing attack. Last Saturday versus Rice, Sheddric Wilson caught nine passes for 201 yards, including three touchdowns. That performance was the fourth best in Tiger history. Not to be outdone, Eddie Kennison racked up 250 all-purpose yards, with four catches for 113 yards and a touchdown. Two reverses netted Kennison 67 yards. LSU's 456 yards passing against Rice was a new school record.

Another reason LSU is rising in the polls is the defense. Through the Auburn game, LSU was ranked fourth in total defense, allowing an average of 351 yards per game. James Gillyard notched a safety in the Auburn game that went a long way towards helping the Tigers win a close one, while cornerback Troy Twille preserved the vic-

tory by picking off Auburn's Patrick Nix in the end zone with little time left on the clock.

Jamie Howard's emergence at quarterback has brought a measure of stability to the team. His 19 of 30, 220-yard performance against Auburn was sweet vindication for his five-interception effort last year. If that wasn't enough, Howard received a giant shot of confidence in the Rice game, completing 15 of 23 passes for 356 yards with four TDs and no interceptions. LSU capitalized on its big-play potential by steaming Rice for several long bombs.

Next up for the Tigers is South Carolina, who is 1-3. LSU, who is favored by 7.5 points over the Gamecocks, will face erratic quarterback Steve Taneyhill and a defense that allowed 299 yards rushing to Kentucky's Moe Williams.

Campus Organizations

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

Activities: Bible studies, discipleship groups, mission action
Meets: 11:00 and 12:00 p.m. Wed. and Thurs. at 7 p.m.
Contact Skip Noble, 797-1946

COLLEAGUES

Activities: Volunteer services for Volunteers of America, parties
Meets: Tues 10:30 a.m.
Contact Skip Noble, Jim Hicks, 797-5102

COLLEGE REPUBLICANS

Activities: Guest speakers, work in political campaigns
Meets: every Tues. at beginning of month
Contact: Dr. Jefferey Sadow, 797-5159

GOLDEN Z CLUB

Activities: Projects focusing on illiteracy, the environment, scholarships avail.
Meets: 2nd and 4th Tues. each month.
Contact: Anita Harkness, 797-1946

MAINSTREAM CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Meets: Tues. and Thurs. 10:30 a.m.
Activities: Outdoor concerts, weekend fellowships and trips, volunteer work.
Contact: Lori Bennet, 797-1946

RANGERS

Meets: TBA
Activities: Realistic combat training (repelling, weapons), social activities.
Contact: SFC Perry Buchanan, 797-5122

ROTORAC

Meets: Two meetings per month
Activities: Student service org. One service project per semester, luncheons
Contact: Dr. Paul Merckle, 797-5240

S'PORT/BOSSIER CAMPUS MINISTRY

Meets: Thurs. 10:30 a.m. in UC
Activities: Weekly devotionals, socials, service proj., retreats.
Contact: Dr. Mary Ann Shaw, 797-5193

SPJ-LSUS SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALIST

Activities: Guest speakers on topics related to the field of Journalism. social functions.
Contact: Michelle Millhollen, 746-7860

TAE KWON DO

Meets: TBA
Activities: Campus events, tournaments, self-defense clinics, rape prevention
Contact: Regina Washington, 631-9976

WEIGHTLIFTING

Meets: TBA
Activities: Workouts, clinics, competition in local, state, nat'l meets.
Contact: Kyle Pierce, 797-5271

ACJS/ Lambda Alpha Epsilon

Meets: 1st and 3rd Thurs. ea month
Activities: Various community activities, speakers on Law Enforcement ops.
Contact: Richard Georgia, 797-5078

LAMDA SIGMA EPSILON, BIOLOGY/HEALTH SCIENCE CLUB

Meets: Tues. or Thurs. Common Hour
Activities: Community service, fund raising, hiking, bird watching, tours
Contact: Dr. James Ingold, 797-5244

CHEMISTRY CLUB

Meets: 10:30 a.m. 1st Thurs. ea. month
Activities: Group activities
Contact: Dr. Wayne Gustavson, 797-5091

DRAMA CLUB

Meets: Thurs. 10:30 a.m. 3rd floor BH
Activities: Dramatic productions, 1st-hand info on auditions in local prod., volunteer work.
Contact: Jorji Jarzabek, 797-5228

ENGLISH CLUB

Meets: 2nd Tues. ea. month
Activities: Annual book fair, poetry readings, faculty presentations, socials.
Contact: Tom Dubose, 797-5158

FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUB

Meets: 1st & 3rd Tues. ea. month
Activities: Guest Speakers, foreign films, various charity events.
Contact: Joe Patrick, 797-5390

GOVERNMENT & LAW SOCIETY

Meets: once a month
Activities: Speakers & debates, etc.
Contact: Prof. William D. Pederson, 797-5351

HEALTH & PHYS. ED. CLUB

Meets: Tues. or Thurs. 10:30
Activities: "Almost Anything Goes" for LSUS, judge field days for elementary's
Contact: Maxie Foster, 797-7294

LOUISIANA ASSC. OF EDUCATORS

Meets: Once a month
Activities: Student Teacher reception, math Magic presented at Stoner Hill Elementary.
Contact: Cindy Olson, 797-5032

MBA ASSOCIATION

Meets: once a month
Activities: Seminars with guest speakers on career planning and resume writing, social activities.
Contact: Director of Graduate Studies, College of Business, 797-5017

PI SIGMA EPSILON, MKT & MNGMT

Meets: 2nd & 4th Tues. monthly 10:30
Activities: Conduct sales & mkt. proj. for local bus., social functions.
Contact: Ms. Gayle Norton, 797-5268

PSYCHOLOGY CLUB

Meets: 1st & 3rd Thurs. monthly 10:30
Activities: Meetings with topics, ie. family violence & therapy. field trips
Contact: Kelly Haydel, 797-5365 or 797-5057

PUBLIC RELATIONS STUDENTS SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Meets: twice monthly
Activities: Guest speakers, learn basics of public relations, networking, national and dis. PRSSA meetings, luncheons.
Contact: Kathy Smith, 797-5340

SOCIAL WORK/SOCIOLOGY CLUB

Meets: every other Thurs.
Activities: Guest speakers on psych related topics, community svc. projects
Contact: Ms. Kenna Franklin, Dr. Dolch, 797-5351

SOCIETY OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Meets: 1st & 3rd Tues. ea. month
Activities: Seminars, guest speaker luncheons at the University Club, Mentorship prog.
Contact: Gwen Smith 797-5024 & Dr. Vassar, 797-5020

STUDENT COUNCIL for EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN

Meets: 1st & 3rd Fri. monthly
Activities: Service proj. involving handicapped children.
Contact: Dr. Alan Thompson & Joe Patrick, 797-5390

Campus Calendar

THURS. 28: Career Center Workshop: Resume Writing 12:00 AD 213, SAB: Paul Gerni-pool shark 7:30 p.m. UC game room.
FRI. 29: Career Center Workshop: Interviewing 12:00 AD 213,
SUN. 1: SAB: Risk management program 7:30 p.m. UC Theater,
MON. 2: Career Center: Interview Orientation 10:00 a.m. AD- 218
TUES. 3: Career Center: Interview Orientation 10:30 a.m. AD-218
WED. 4: Career Center: Interview Orientation 3:00 p.m. AD 218
Thurs. 5: Career Center: Interview Orientation 10:30 a.m. AD 218, SAB: Chinese Magic Revue 8:00 p.m. UC Theater

Greek Rush Big Success

Tricia Webb
Almagest

This year's Fraternity and Sorority Fall Rush turned out to be one of the largest LSU-S has seen in years.

IFC advisor, Karen Mischlich, said the fraternities on campus saw a bigger Rush this year than they have in years. "Both the fraternities and sororities did a great job this year, especially during SOAR (Student Orientation and Registration), where they really encouraged people to join up," Mischlich said. Mischlich said 32 men showed interest this year, and 26 became eligible for formal rush. "This is good. Real good," Mischlich said.

Dan Dance, with Phi Delta

Theta, said this year's higher numbers have a lot to do with the fact that many of the rushees came from local high schools where there was strong recruitment for the Greeks. "A lot of it had to do with just plain hard work, too," Dance said.

Panhellenic advisor Lori Korman said 40 women signed up for Sorority Rush this fall, and 34 were offered bids. That's compared with 18 women year. "It's at least double the amount last Rush," said Korman.

Three sororities and three fraternities participated in Fall Rush. The fraternity Alpha Phi Alpha, and the sorority, Delta Sigma Theta, both became inactive this semester due to lack of membership.